

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending.

The amendments are supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter has been added. If the Examiner should disagree, however, it is respectfully that the challenged limitation be pointed out with particularity in the next Action so support may be cited in response.

A statement claiming priority to a parent application has been added. Sequence identifiers have been added to the specification and claims.

Paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing are being submitted herewith. The paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing do not add new matter, and their contents are the same. It is respectfully submitted that this submission complies with 37 CFR § 1.821 et seq. Otherwise, prompt notice of any defects in the Sequence Listing is earnestly solicited and additional time is requested to comply.

Form PTO-1449 listing the references cited therein are submitted herewith. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(d), no further copies of references submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in the parent applications are being submitted.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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